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TOPIC Soviet Troop Movements by Rail

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1. The following troop shipments were observed at, the Rathenow main railroad station between 1 and 21 August:

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Date	Shipment	From	To
1 Aug	22 boxcars and 50 flatcars with troops and trucks	Jerichow	Templin
2 Aug	17 boxcars and 22 flatcars with troops and trucks	Mahlwinkel	Zehdenick
3 Aug	16 boxcars and 29 flatcars with troops and trucks	Mahlwinkel	Zehdenick
5 Aug	12 flatcars with 75-mm caliber guns	Wuensdorf	Jerichow
11 Aug	3 boxcars and 13 flatcars with troops and T-34 tanks	Dallgow-Doebritz	Altengrabow
12 Aug	10 boxcars and 42 flatcars	Schoenhausen	Templin
13 Aug	6 boxcars and 18 flatcars with troops and trucks	Zehdenick	Altengrabow
13 Aug	6 boxcars and 31 flatcars with troops and trucks	Jerichow	Neubrandenburg

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Date	Shipment	From	To
16 Aug	8 boxcars and 24 flatcars with troops, trucks and 75-mm guns	Altengrabow	Dallgow-Doeberitz
17 Aug	14 boxcars and 28 flatcars with troops and trucks	Altengrabow	Boetzow
21 Aug	5 boxcars and 29 flatcars with troops and trucks, carrying pontoons,	Zendenick	Tangerhuetten

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8. The following troop trains were listed in the records of the Halle railroad district headquarters:

Date	Shipment	From	To
17 Aug	2	Bad Koesen	Wallwitz
18 Aug	1	Erfurt	Wallwitz
18 Aug	1	?	Halle
18 Aug	2	Wisenach	Wallwitz
19 Aug	1	Magdeburg	Schwepnitz

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the Wallwitz bound trains carried Soviet tank units. (C)

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9. Two troop trains were loaded in Jittenborn and dispatched toward Juetzenburg (9)

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10. The following troop trains were

observed

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23 August. Train of 2 boxcars and 10 flatcars going from Chemnitz to Aue and carrying AAA Unit consisting of soldiers wearing red-brown black caps. The same train also carried 3 x 76.2-mm guns, 1 ballistic director, and trucks

24 August. Train of 14 boxcars and 38 flatcars, en route from Koenigsbrunn to Chemnitz, carrying AAA Unit with 18 x 76-mm guns and 35 trucks

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25X1 24 August. Train of 2 boxcars and 11 flatcars [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] going from Aue to Chemnitz and carrying an [redacted] AAA unit. (10)

25X1 [redacted] Comments.

(1) [redacted]

The [redacted] cars of the two trains mentioned in the reference report equals the number of cars specified in the present report.

25X1 (2) The two trains were probably the same which two other [redacted] observed passing through the Hassenheide railroad station and being unloaded in the Templin training area. [redacted]

25X1A (3) Reports by other sources indicate that these trains may have carried a signal unit of the GDFG. They did not mention artillery pieces. [redacted]

25X1A (4) Another source reported a component of the 413th Pan Bridge Bn of the Second Gds Mecz Army to have detrained in Neubrandenburg on 14 August. [redacted]

25X1A It was previously assumed that the train had come from the Jerichow area. Fifteen unloaded flatcars were seen at the Doeberitz railroad station on the same day. They may have belonged to the train from Altengrabow which is mentioned in the present report. [redacted] Vehicles of the 1st Mecz Div, which is stationed in the Doeberitz area, have been observed in Altengrabow since June 1951.

25X1A (6) Two other sources reported that an AAA unit of the 31st AAA Div detrained at Doetzow on 17 August. [redacted] The information is confirmed by the present report.

25X1 (7) Another source reported that a troop train was loaded with engineer equipment at the Zehdenick railroad station during the night of 20 August. [redacted]

[redacted] the train carried a headquarters engineer unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. It is significant that an engineer component of this army went again to the Tangerhuetten area during the second half of August. The engineer units of the army had been rotated twice to the Tangerhuetten-Jerichow area for engineer practice on the Elbe River from the end of June to the middle of July and from the middle of July to early August.

25X1 (8) The shipping stations of Bad Koesen, Erfurt and Eisonach and the receiving stations of the first six trains indicate that components of the 21st Gds Mecz Div were on the trains. Probably engineer troops, rather than tank troops, were on the trains dispatched from Bad Koesen. Wallwitz, which is located on the Halle-Aschersleben line, has not been used before as a de-training point for troops stationed in the Halle area.

25X1 (9) The train [redacted] was previously reported by another source, who, however, specified Sperenberg as the receiving station. [redacted]

25X1 (10) [redacted] all of the three trains carried components of the 6th (?) Gds AAA Div. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] The first train of 24 August was previously reported by the same source [redacted]

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